

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Haaland *et al.*

For: Augmented Classical Least Squares Multivariate Spectral Analysis

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING DIVISIONAL

APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

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Sir:

Applicants submit for entry the following amendments to the accompanying 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) divisional application.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION begin on page 3 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS begin on page 4 of this paper.

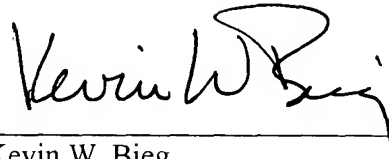
REMARKS

This application is a divisional application of patent application No. 10/209,841, filed on July 31, 2002. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-24 of the parent application was received and the issue fee was paid on August 21, 2003. The Specification has been amended to identify the original application in order to claim benefit of the earlier filing date.

CONCLUSION

Applicants urge that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance. Applicants request expeditious processing to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,



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